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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR CASC UG US GW
SUBJECT: UGANDA: STATEMENT BY RADIO KAMPALA

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE (FRG NUMBER 85) FROM FRG
AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN IN KAMPALA WAS RECEIVED 1415Z
28 FEBRUARY.

BEGIN TEXT

RADIO KAMPALA ANNOUNCED 27 FEBRUARY 77 AT 8:00 P.M.
FOLLOWING:

IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SAID
THE UNITED STATES HAS RECEIVED NEW INDEPENDENT ASSUR-
ANCES THAT THE MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED AMERICANS BARRED
FROM LEAVING UGANDA BEFORE THEIR MEETING WITH THE
PRESIDENT ARE IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WEST GERMAN
GOVERNMENT, CARETAKER OF THE AMERICAN INTERESTS IN
UGANDA, HAD TOLD THE UNITED STATES IT WAS TAKING ALL
STEPS TO PROTECT THE AMERICANS IN UGANDA AND THAT THEY
ARE IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER. MOST OF THE AMERICANS ARE

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MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

BONN HAS REPRESENTED UNITED STATES' INTERESTS IN
THIS COUNTRY SINCE WASHINGTON CLOSED ITS EMBASSY IN
KAMPALA FOUR YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF WHAT IT CALLED A
PATTERN OF VIOLENCE AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

DESPITE THIS ASSURANCE AND A SIMILAR STATEMENT
FROM UGANDA, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL TASK FORCE
CONTINUES TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE SITUATION.

A UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCE, HEADED BY THE NUCLEAR
CARRIER ENTERPRISE, IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN THE
INDIAN OCEAN AFTER LEAVING MOMBASA, THE MAIN PORT OF
KENYA.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO COMMENT
ON WHETHER THE UNITED STATES NAVY PRESENCE WAS RELATED
TO DEVELOPMENTS IN UGANDA. HE SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW
THE FORCE WAS ENGAGED IN NORMAL MANEUVERS.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPOKESMAN, MR. JODY POWELL,
DENIED THAT THE TASK FORCE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO STAND
BY THE EAST AFRICAN COAST OR THAT MARINES WERE READY TO
INVADE UGANDA.

BUT HE SAID MR. CARTER WOULD DO WHAT HE THOUGHT
NECESSARY TO SAVE AMERICAN LIVES ANYWHERE.

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS EXPRESSED STRONGEST CONCERN
OVER PRESIDENT AMIN'S ACTIONS IN BARRING THE AMERICANS
FROM LEAVING UGANDA BEFORE THEY APPEAR BEFORE PRESIDENT
AMIN IN KAMPALA.

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COMMENTING ON THE ABOVE STORY, A MILITARY SPOKESMAN HAS APPEALED TO EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTRY TO BE ON THE ALERT AND TO REPORT ANY QUEER MOVEMENT TO PROPER AUTHORITY.

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICULARLY ARE WARNED TO BE ON THE ALERT AROUND THE CLOCK.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR ON SIX JULY, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HOOD-WINKED THE WORLD BY SAYING THAT THEY WERE READY TO FLY IN PALESTINIAN PRISONERS HELD IN ISRAELIN EXCHANGE FOR THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES WHO WERE AT ENTEBBE. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN, BUT INSTEAD THE ISRAELIS INVADED UGANDA.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN DESTROYER ALONG THE EAST AFRICAN COAST SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

IN THE EVENT OF ANY ATTEMPTED INVASION OF UGANDA, THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN WISHES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE SECRET

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INVADING FORCE WILL BE DESTROYED BY UGANDA ARMED FORCES BEFORE THEY REACH UGANDA AT ALL. THE SPOKESMAN ADDS THAT UGANDA WILL NOT BE A BATTLEFIELD BECAUSE THE BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT OUTSIDE UGANDA DEPENDING ON WHICH DIRECTION THE INVADING FORCE MAY TAKE. END TEXT.

REMAINDER OF TEXT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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